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Identification Data and Area Description

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1. See page 4, an overlay on [redacted] Wraza. on [redacted] the location of Zhivovtsi and features in the vicinity. 25X1
1. Mikhaylovgrad (formerly Ferdinand - N 43-25, E 23-12), with a population of 10,000 to 15,000. [redacted] there were military casernes located there. 25X1
2. A road, five or six meters wide, flanked by drainage ditches one-half meter deep. The road was in fair condition and had moderate two-way vehicular traffic between Mikhaylovgrad and Sofia.
3. Zhivovtsi (N 43-24, E 23-08), which had a population of between 1,000 and 1,500 persons. It was an agricultural community and had no industrial enterprises. It was not damaged during World War II. There were no military installations in the town other than a company of 150 Trudovak soldiers who were billeted in requisitioned buildings. These Trudovaks first arrived there in February 1953, and [redacted] remained there until the end of 1953. They had been sent to Zhivovtsi to complete fortifications along the Yugoslav border, 40 km east of Zhivovtsi. The entire Trudovak company in Zhivovtsi had only 30 to 40 rifles, World War I models, and two or three Schmeislers for the guards at the company headquarters. The company had no other armament. There was no new construction activity, during 1953, and [redacted] the Bulgarian military had no reason, at that time, to undertake any at Zhivovtsi. In summer 1953 and in spring 1954, [redacted] Bulgarian military labor units had been removed from the vicinity of Zhivovtsi. 25X1

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4. A road, five to six meters wide, with the same construction details as in Point 2 (above). This road led westward to the Yugoslav border.

5. Tserovina, a small village, [redacted]

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6. The Ogosta River whose average width was approximately seven to eight meters in the Zhivovtsi area. The river was generally shallow and averaged two meters in depth.

7. Machine-gun positions and trenches [redacted]

The purpose of the fortification was to defend the road junction and the railroad line (not shown on sketch).

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Layout of the village of Zhivovtsi

2. See page 5, [redacted] sketch of the central section of Zhivovtsi, on which he pinpointed: 25X1

1. A wooden pedestrian bridge in very poor condition.
2. Peasant homes and gardens (all shaded areas on the sketch).
3. A building which quartered 20 to 30 Trudovaks; it was single-storied, stuccoed, and in poor condition.
4. A building with the same details given in Point 3.
5. A store which sold agricultural consumer products; it was single-storied and stuccoed.
6. Headquarters of Trudovak Labor Company [redacted]. The staff consisted of three or four officers and some Schmeiser-armed Trudovak guards who guarded the entrance of this building; the building was stuccoed and single storied. 25X1
7. A post office, 6 x 8 x 4 m, a stuccoed building which housed the town police administration.
8. A peasant's home, a single-storied, stucco building.
9. A barn.
10. A former tavern, 10 x 10 x 7 m, stuccoed, which housed 20 Trudovak soldiers.
11. A single-storied storage building, stuccoed, and in poor condition. Shoes, uniforms, and tools for Trudovak soldiers were stored here.
12. An Orthodox church which was attended by the population on Sundays. Trudovaks were afraid to be seen in this church and did not attend.
13. A messhall, 12 x 3 x 3 m, which was stuccoed; 40 Trudovak soldiers were fed here.
14. An elementary school, 12 x 5 x 5 m, single-storied, and stuccoed, which was attended by the village children.
15. A former tavern, 5 x 6 x 6 m, stuccoed with two stories; 15 Trudovaks were quartered in this building.

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General Information

3. The village streets of Zhivovtsi were not illuminated at night, although all homes had electricity. Water was obtained from street wells. Trudovaks were forbidden to buy food from the population or to associate with them. They were permitted to be in the village streets only on Sundays until 2000 hours and were restricted to their quarters on weekdays..

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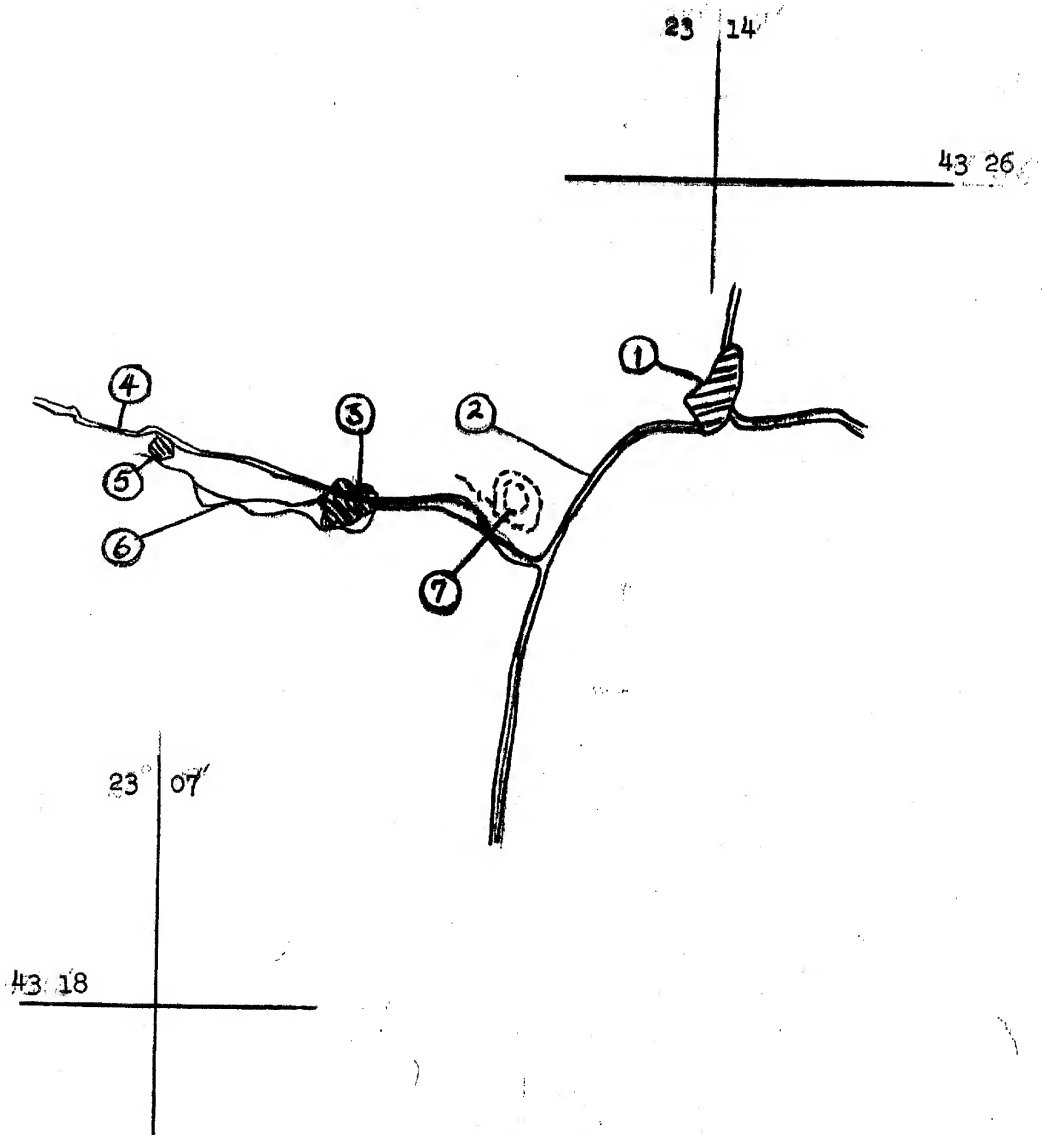
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Overlay on Wraza,
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in the Zhivovtsi area.

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NOTE: Shaded areas denote lightly-built sections of small, single-storied school homes with small gardens.

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